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## **Idaho Water Supply Committee to Meet Thursday**

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Half way through the 2006 water accumulation season, Idaho snow pack levels are well above average in most parts of our state. What does that mean for Idaho's longest recorded drought? The Water Supply Committee will attempt to answer that question when it hold its first meeting of the year later this week in Boise.

At this time last year, it appeared that Idaho might be in for its driest year on record. Heavy rain in late spring saved us from what could have been a disastrous irrigation season. While this year certainly looks more promising, it will likely take several above average years to recover from six years of drought.

The Water Supply Committee includes water managers and hydrology experts from both the public and private sector. Each will provide information that will be used to formulate a comprehensive water picture for 2006.

The meeting is open to the public.

When: Thursday, January 19, 2006

Where: IDWR Headquarters, The Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street, Boise, in the

Boise and Snake River Conference Rooms on the sixth floor

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Parking is located in the Water Center parking garage and there is a fee to park.